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## 01/09/2013 Minutes

VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE  
 MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2013 MEETING  
 Amended/Approved 2/19/2013

Present: Andrew Fischer, Bruce Fitzsimmons, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Brucie Moulton.

Absent: Kathleen Bodie, Adam Chapdelaine, Dan Dunn, Mary Harrison, William Hayner, Gordon Jamieson, John Leone, Josh Lobel, Cheryl Miller, Charlotte Milan, Angela Olszewski, Tarajee Pass.

- The meeting began approximately at 7:10 p.m. and ended at 10 p.m.
- Minutes: The minutes of the December meeting were not yet available for review. It was noted that the "minutes" approved in December for November 27 are not official Standing Committee minutes since this was just a session by the working group on the census survey.
- Census Survey: The survey has been printed and is ready for mailing. Samples were distributed. Josh Lobel will put it on Survey Monkey to be ready by the time the census mailing goes out. Joey has set up and tested the template for scanning the paper replies.
- Processing: Mary and Brucie will pick up the returns from Town Hall. Jane suggested keeping a weekly count, and newspaper and on-line reminders to return the survey. Returns will first be scanned and then the forms with write-ins (sign-ups and answers to #4b, other obstacles to volunteering) separated from the rest.
- Brucie and Elizabeth will compile lists of sign-ups for task groups. Task group chairs should have a welcoming letter ready and should contact new volunteers each week.
- Idea for outreach: Have a place on the Town website for posting short-term volunteer opportunities, such as cleaning up an area. From Vision 2020 only, or should other groups be eligible to post, and under what criteria? The Town Counsel would need to be consulted. Developing this idea sounds like a project for the Community and Citizen Service task group, but that is now inactive.
- Procedural notes: (1) Task groups with subsidiary committees should show both the task group and the committee name on agendas and minutes (Culture & Recreation has Public Art; Environment has three committees). (2) Joey noted that the Town Counsel sent an e-mail in December on the subject of ethics and each committee member needs to acknowledge receipt.
- Task group reports:
  - Environment – Sustainable Arlington (Brucie) is working on the EcoFest (March 23) and may receive some leftover funds from the Pleasant Street Congregational Church, which is being sold.
  - Environment – Spy Pond (Elizabeth) is preparing to go to the Finance Committee with the warrant article for the water bodies fund, with the same wording and co-sponsors as last year. Co-chair Steve Ricci says we should present a three-year plan for water body maintenance. Brucie suggested a brainstorming meeting of groups concerned with water bodies like the Spy Pond and Reservoir committees, Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park (Hills Pond), and Mystic River Watershed Association, possibly in connection with the Open Space Committee or the master planning process. Spy Pond is also working on the annual fertilizer flyer and planning for goose-egg addling.
- Culture and Recreation – Public Art (Jane) has been busy. It is about to have a meeting to discuss goals and a working group has reviewed candidates for the Cultural Commission to be appointed by the Selectmen. In December it sponsored the celebration for the mural on the Boys & Girls Club. It has also received a grant to hold another "Chairful" event.
- Fiscal Resources has sent a letter to the Selectmen calling attention to data showing that some 30% of the water received from the MWRA is apparently not being metered, and is suggesting a meter replacement program. The Standing Committee acknowledged receipt of a copy.
- Symmes: Bruce Fitzsimmons reported that construction on the apartments and condos is going ahead and the site for the assisted living building is being leveled.